

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

--The upper ineffective region VRu is generated by the difference in index of refraction between air and the prism 120. In other words, when a light beam enters into the prism 120, the light beam is refracted to a direction closer to the normal line of the incident surface of the prism 120 by the difference in refractive index between air and the prism 120. Therefore, the light beam entered into the prism 120 through the bottom of the prism 120 is reflected irregularly from or absorbed in a rough surface of the bottom of the prism 120, and thus will never form an image on the image pickup device 110. In this manner, the ~~lower~~ upper ineffective area VRu is generated due to the difference in refractive index between air and the prism 120.--

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 as follows:

-- The case 50 includes a front case ~~51a~~50a and a rear case 50b divided at a predetermined portion (See Fig.2). In a state of being divided into a case body and a lid portion, the above-described image pickup unit 22 and the prisms 30, 32, and a prism holder 40 are stored in the case body and subsequently, the divided structures are assembled and integrated. In Fig.3 and Fig. 4, the front case 50a and the rear case 50b are shown in the assembled and integrated state.--

Please amend the second paragraph on page 12 as follows:

-- Accordingly, the light beams 70L and 70R from both side of the image pickup unit 22 pass through the transparent windows 52L and 52R of the case 50, enter into the one prism side surface 30L (~~30R~~)(32R) of the prism 30 (32), are reflected internally twice between the prism side surface 30L (32R) and the prism side surface 30R (32L), and finally are emitted

from the prism rear surface 30B (32B) toward the image pickup lens. Accordingly, an image of visual field in front of the camera device 20 on both of the left and right sides is obtained in the desired upper region Vu of the vertical angle of view of the camera device 20.--